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BUSH CONTINUES FEDERAL JUDICIAL NOMINATION CONFRONTATION

President re-submits controversial judicial nominees with troubling records on civil rights and other issues

WASHINGTON

President Bush recently sent the Senate 30 nominations for lifetime positions on the federal district and circuit courts, including 14 candidates for crucial appeals court judgeships, as well as several other judicial nominations. Among the nominees are Charles Pickering and Priscilla Owen - both rejected last year by the Senate Judiciary Committee and a number of other judges with troubling records on civil rights and other issues, some of whom are opposed by local, state and national civil rights, women's rights, and other organizations. Today's district and circuit court nominees had all been nominated for judgeships in the

last Congress; new nominees are expected in the near future.

"President Bush is choosing confrontation over consultation and cooperation when it comes to federal judges," said People For the American Way President Ralph G. Neas. "For two years, he has steadfastly refused to engage in bipartisan dialogue about judicial nominees. Now that he has Republicans in control of the Senate, he's counting on a rubber stamp for his far-right nominees, even judges like Charles Pickering and Priscilla Owen, who were defeated after open hearings on their troubling public records."

Neas said the administration is sending a disturbing signal that there will no change of course on crucial civil rights issues even in the wake of Trent Lott being forced from his leadership post in the Senate over

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McGreevey unveils cancer combat plan

Task force on cancer prevention, early detection and treatment in N.J. presents comprehensive cancer control plan

TRENTON - As part of his efforts to make New Jersey a national leader in the fight against cancer, Governor James E. McGreevey today released the state's first Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, a blueprint to control cancer in New Jersey over the next five years.

"This plan provides us with a clear path toward my goal of reducing cancer as a major health threat to the people of New Jersey," said McGreevey. "In my first year in office, despite difficult budget times, we invested over \$25 million in cancer care, prevention and research. The health of our families will continue to guide the decisions we make for New Jersey."

The plan is the product of the Task Force on Cancer

Prevention, Early Detection and Treatment in New Jersey, a panel of 16 doctors, nurses, researchers and cancer survivors. The plan positions New Jersey to apply for additional federal funding because it was developed in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

New Jersey's Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is allocating \$3.25 million toward implementing the plan's recommendations. The plan's initial step is to conduct a needs assessment that will create a publicly accessible database of all cancer-related efforts in New Jersey. This resource can be used to identify and eliminate gaps and disparities in cancer care, and to aid patients and their families in finding support and resources in their local community.

"We are dedicated to reducing cancer rates over the next five years," said Dr. Clifton R.

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Abbott action summit planned



It is time — Assemblyman Craig Stanley (l), confers with Council President Patricia Perkins-Auguste from the City of Elizabeth (center), and William Rutherford, State president of the NAACP (r) at press conference announcing a summit to examine the implementation of the Abbott Plan.

NEWARK — Announcing a February summit to examine the implementation of the Supreme Court directives ordering remedial reform efforts in disadvantage school districts, Assemblyman Craig A. Stanley (D-Irvington) today held a press conference Friday with Newark legislative colleagues, education advocates, and parents at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

As the court approved one year halt on the spending of Abbott funding comes to a close, Stanley views an education summit as the perfect opportunity to discuss implementation and nail down the steps that would fulfill the state Supreme Court mandate.

"It is in the best interest of everyone involved to review the past practices and look ahead in developing strategies for implementation," Stanley, vice chairman of the Assembly Education Committee and a steadfast advocate for the state's 30 Abbott Districts.

"We must continually make

assessments of the implementation process to ensure continued progress in providing a thorough education for students in our most disadvantaged districts."

Stanley said the education summit will address the many concerns of Abbott implementation such as, expediting school construction, the review of supplemental programs and an overall assessment of early childhood education. Increasing parental involvement in the disadvantaged districts is also on the agenda.

The summit, scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 22, will also consider the federal mandates included in the No Child Left Behind Act and its impact on the Abbott Districts. The tentative summit location is the Sheraton Woodbridge.

"From the inception of the Abbott vs. Burke lawsuit, there has been tremendous opposition and delay tactics that have hampered the efforts to provide a quality education to students in these economically disad-

vantaged districts," Stanley said. Congressman Donald M. Payne, a former teacher and member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in Congress, agreed.

"We often hear the phrase 'Leave No Child Behind' in Washington, yet the sad reality is that children will continue to be left behind unless we act now and commit the resources needed to bring about change," Payne, who was unable to attend the press conference, said in a written statement presented by Robert Cottingham, a member of Payne's congressional staff. "The Bush Administration pushed for passage of the 'Leave No Child Behind' legislation, yet their budget underfunds the program by over \$7 billion. We cannot stand by and allow this to happen."

State Senator Ronald Rice (D-Newark) said at the press conference that the timing of the summit is important because Governor James E.

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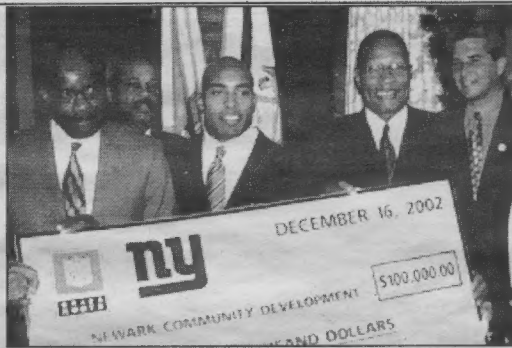
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East Coast mothers, please don't name your child Chad. During the 2000 election we were bombarded with chads. Those little chad guys were hanging, dangling, and pregnant. When all the chads were counted Al Gore had lost the presidency right under the all seeing CBS eye. It was a nightmare that lasted into January 2001. Fast forward to January 2002. This time the nightmare is one chad, no make that Chad. This time it was fumbling Chad. And when it was all over, the Jets had lost their dream of going to the Super Bowl. So you see mothers, a chad by any name is bad for the East Coast.

Is there no end to trashy, tacky merchandising in America? When you visit the Ground Zero former site of the World Trade Center or the eternal flame in Battery Park, you walk through a maze of vendors selling keychains, post cards, tee shirts and photos. If that is not appalling enough, teddy bears and shot glasses have been added to the list of memorabilia. Can you imagine buying a Goray Island teddy bear? or a Three Mile Island key-chain?

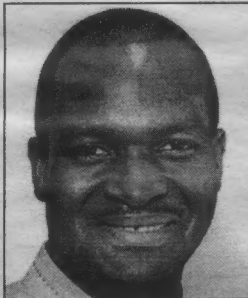
New Jersey may take the umph out of President Bush's income tax for the rich by taxing it's wealthiest residents. As the state seeks ways to resolve a \$4 billion budget shortfall, there is talk among Democratic lawmakers about dusting off the "millionaire tax". If this effort is pursued, it will be a relief to poor and middle class voters who will rejoice as the bluebird of taxation passes over them and dumps on the wealthy for a change.



What good hearts — Pictured (l-r) J. Pernell Parker, executive director Newark Community Development Network (NCDN), Congressman Donald M. Payne; Tiki Barber, NY Giants Running Back; Newark's Mayor Sharpe James and Joe DiVincenzo, Essex County Executive. The NFL, NY Giants and LISC presented \$100,000 check to NCDN to rebuild Newark's football field.



Proud Ambassador — Pat Grant Williams of Maryland received the prestigious 2002 Multi-textural Global Ambassador Award in Chemistry and Multicultural Styling for her work in the beauty industry both as a hairstylist and salon owner.



IT opens door — Kurt J. Miller of Orange, NJ is a recent recipient of \$1,200 scholarship from the Open Door Education Foundation created to assist students interested in IT.



Family Flava — Janean Joseph of New York (far l) pictured with her family, won Lawry's Family with Flava contest. They received a \$3,000 catered family reunion courtesy of Lawry's Seasoned Salt. Joseph entered the contest on "The Doug Banks Show" explaining why her family had the most flava.

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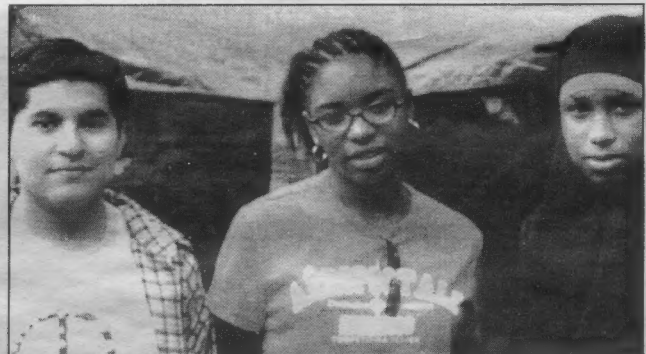
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Releasing Monarch butterflies — Newark students pictured (l-r) Marcos Bayes, 12th grade; Keyana Webb, 10th grade; Munirah Abdul-Hakeem, 12th grade attended the Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit to help raise butterflies. The students worked with a joint program with the Greater Newark Conservancy. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a suburban conservancy dedicated to environmental and horticultural education for children and adults.



Scholarship reception — New Jersey City University (NJCU) students Cynthia Stokes (c-l) of Bloomfield and Kelly Bauer (c-l) of Bayonne were recipients of NJCU's Presidential Scholarship and are congratulated by Dr. Alene Graham (l) and Dr. Carlos Hernandez, NJCU president.

Briefs

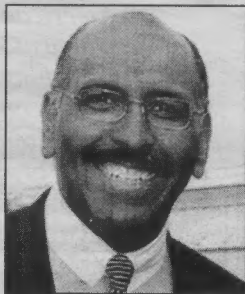
EEOC SETTLES FORD BIAS LAWSUIT

PITTSBURGH - The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently resolved its lawsuit against a car dealership formerly known as Ford of Greensburg that alleged that the company had, upon notice of the problem, failed to take prompt and effective action to cure a persistent and offensive working environment in which African American employees were subject to racial harassment. The owner agreed to pay Edward Day of Jeannette, Pa., a total of \$272,000 and Jeffrey Wilson of Johnstown, Pa., \$262,000.

MILLION MAN MARCH IS PLANNED FOR 2003

LOS ANGELES — Minister Tony Muhammad, western region spiritual leader of the Nation of Islam, revealed the sweeping agenda of the 100,000 Man March for Peace and Reconciliation. The march will take place March 29, and will seek to stop the recent wave of murders in L. A. and be a catalyst for a national "peace consciousness movement".

Maryland elects first black Lt. Governor



Michael S. Steele

By D. Morton Glover
Special to the NNPA from the
Baltimore Times

ANNAPOLIS — With resumes stacked high on his desk, Lt. Gov.-elect Michael S. Steele says that he is "taking it all in," and that his family is adjusting to the limelight of state governance.

From behind a desk in his Annapolis office, Maryland's first black statewide elected official wasn't sluggish to acknowledge the power of prayer.

Nor was he slow to mention Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2003. On this day, not only will much of America celebrate the birth of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr., Maryland will formally welcome its first black lieutenant governor.

Today, Lt. Gov.-elect Steele said the operative word is "adjusting." Another is "scheduling." In all, he describes his newfound position as "a very blessed, eye-opening experience."

One question posed to Steele focused on his personal perception of what a leader is. Steele does not dodge this label, however, and wears the title of black leader quite well.

"A leader, yes, but I'm a black man in leadership," he responded. "I'm not saying that people need to look at me and respond because I'm black."

Steele, a Georgetown and Johns Hopkins University alumni explained, "It is very important, for example, that my two sons see a black man in this situation."

Pointing to the accomplishments of such great African-Americans as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Frederick Douglass, Steele paid homage to those icons "for not putting their blackness on the shelf, for this set them apart. And people paid attention."

Rep. Rangel seeks to reinstate military draft



Charles B. Rangel

By J. Zamgba Browne

NEW YORK (NNPA) — For decades, fat cats in government, particularly on the federal and state levels, have used their clout to shield their sons and other close relatives from serving in the U.S. military. Now, a ranking member of Congress wants to put an end to the practice and have the tables turned so that the playing field is even, regardless of race, political connection or socioeconomic standing.

"If our great country becomes involved in an all-out war, the sacrifice must be shared. In that regard, I am

preparing a bill to authorize reinstatement of the universal draft and other forms of mandatory national service," said Rep. Charles B. Rangel, who said that he would push for a reinstatement by introducing his bill when he returns to Capitol Hill.

In a letter to his Democratic colleagues who voted against the Iraq war resolution, Rangel said he was concerned that the burden of military service was being borne disproportionately by members of disadvantaged groups.

"Shared sacrifice, especially in times of war, is key to preserving the nation's morale. Yet it would appear that we continue to favor, with our tax cuts and other domestic initiatives, the wealthiest Americans," Rangel said. "No policy, whether on taxes, health care, Social Security or any other pressing domestic concern, can be separated from the concept of shared sacrifice without threatening the people's belief in their leaders," he declared. Rangel is the dean of New York's congressional delegation and a senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee.

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Editorial

No more Abbott delays

In 1976, the Robinson v. Cahill school finance case ended with the New Jersey Supreme Court's reluctant approval of the Public School Education Act of 1975. The issue back then was New Jersey's discriminatory practice of funding suburban schools at a much higher level than urban schools. In 1981, the Abbott v. Burke case was filed on behalf of all children attending poor and urban schools, and in 1988 Administrative Law Judge Steven Lefelt legitimized the school parity issue again when he agreed almost entirely with the litigants.

Last February Governor James E. McGreevey pledged to end "two decades of litigation and ineffective quick fixes" when he created the Abbott Implementation and Compliance Coordinating Council, which he called "a cooperative board accountable for ensuring compliance with the New Jersey Supreme Court's Abbott decision," and to ensure children in New Jersey's urban school districts receive the education they deserve to prepare for a successful future."

"New Jersey has a moral and legal obligation to ensure that every child can achieve the fullness of his or her promise," the Governor said. "For the past several years—either through benign neglect or worse, malfeasance—the education of children in certain urban districts has been, at best, second-class."

On Friday, a group of African American and Hispanic lawmakers, community leaders, educators and parents called for a state wide summit to prompt the Abbott Implementation and Compliance Coordinating Council to get on with its goal of ensuring parity funding of urban school districts.

Although the state is facing staggering budget woes, we agree with the group that New Jersey can not balance the books on the backs of the superintendents, principals, teachers, and students whose schools are in the 30 Abbott Districts.

Further we applaud this group, organized by Assemblyman Craig Stanley (D-Irvington), for their wisdom in putting the Abbott District funding on the table prior to the announcement of the budget, and thereby negating any oversight of this critical issue. We also congratulate them for getting out in front of the Abbott mandate instead of getting sideswiped the way the community did when Governor McGreevey obtained a court ordered moratorium on funding for one year in 2002.

As the New Jersey political season heats up, it is imperative that all New Jersey residents keep the Abbott Districts funding in the forefront of political discussions, and work hard to re-elect candidates who are "friendly" toward eliminating urban education barriers.

As Assemblyman Stanley rightly points out, funding the inner city schools benefits every New Jersey because uneducated are more likely to destroy and disrupt many lives before they are imprisoned as wards of the penal system. To create lost human potential is morally wrong, and economically impractical.

We urge churches, labor organization, community groups, educators, students and parents to attend the Abbott Implementation Summit next month and to make their voices heard. We urge state lawmakers to attend the summit, and to end the Abbott Districts funding paralysis. Urban children have waited 26 years for parity in education funding. It is time.

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Do white teachers hold black future?

By Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu

Can you imagine African Americans may be the only group expecting someone else to educate their children? White female teachers constitute 83 percent of the U. S. elementary teaching force. African Americans are 17 percent of public school students nationwide, but represent only 6 percent of the teachers.

Unfortunately, African American males constitute only 1 percent of the teaching population. There are schools without one African American male academic teacher. Often, schools will hire an African American male to be an assistant principal which translates into being in charge of all male behavioral problems.

Since the 1954 Brown vs. Topeka decision to integrate schools, there has been a 66 percent decline in African American teachers. African Americans seem to be choosing corporate America and more dollars over their children.

Others espouse the major factors are lack of respect to the profession and poor student discipline. If African American students are problematic for African Americans,

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I wonder what white female teachers think of African American youth? Could their answer be greater special education placement? The turnover of white staff in the inner city is 40 percent within five years.

Is it fair to expect someone who never lived in the black community; who attended a rural college, took few if any courses on black history, culture, psychology, family, learning styles, Ebonics, etc. to be effective?

It often wonder is the reason white girls are placed in special education the least and African American males the greatest, based on the race and gender of the teacher? Some people continue to equate being different as synonymous with deficient.

Research shows that African American children's test scores improve 4 percent when the teacher is of the same race. While this is encouraging, how can this be achieved with the present decline in African American teachers? Black colleges only enroll 16 percent of African American students, but they produce 37 percent of African American teachers which is very encouraging.

While I'm an advocate of African American teachers, this does not negate there are African American teachers who are ineffective with black youth. They deny choice to low income families, while sending their children to private schools. They would never send their children to the school where they miseducate children.

I would challenge all African American professionals to consider teaching for a year, especially those who retired early. African American children deserve their best black minds in the classroom.

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu is the author of *Black Students: Middle Class Teachers*. He can be reached at AfricanAmericanImages.com.

Republicans can aid the HBCUs

By Ron Walters

Black leaders are now being asked what agenda they would recommend that new Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and his colleagues support, now that Republicans seem to want to take advantage of Trent Lott's demise and seek to do something positive for "civil rights."

I use quotes because there is some evidence that blacks should be wary of Republican intentions because of indications that they also are attempting to change the meaning of civil rights to include faith-based programs, school vouchers and the like.

In any case, black leaders have been offering their individual lists for consideration by Senate Republicans. With this method, black leaders risk losing this moment because of disunity and if they put forth a series of unconnected agendas, they could only confuse both Senate Republicans and blacks as well. The antidote to potential confusion is for black leaders to meet, hammer out a priority set of issues and take them into the room united and determined to get something done.

Since I won't be in the room, let me remind them that Republicans have always looked favorably upon black

colleges and universities, even when—or perhaps because—they didn't want blacks to gain entry into elite white institutions. In fact, former Rep. J. C. Watt of Oklahoma proudly cites his work with members of the Congressional Black Caucus on attempting to get funds for historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

One of those he worked with was Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, who sponsored a bill in the last Congress to provide funding for the restoration of historic buildings on black campuses. A study by the federal General Accounting Office said that the rehabilitation and preservation of such buildings may amount to as much as \$755 million, and although Clyburn proposed \$533 million, or 70 percent of this amount in his original bill, the version that passed the House had proposed no set amount of funding. This fact bred trouble in the Senate, which proposed the totally inadequate sum of \$10 million for each of the program's first two years.

Nevertheless, negotiations on the bill proceeded with considerable urgency in the last days of Congress' session, but the Senate never adopted a bill. One problem was the amount of matching funds required. A similar bill introduced in 1996

required black colleges to match federal funds by 50 percent, an amount that was difficult for them to meet. In the current version, the match was cut to 30 percent. I believe it should be eliminated altogether, given the contribution that HBCUs have made to this nation.

Black colleges and universities can help beef up the national capacity to add to the security of local communities, which is called for in Homeland Security legislation to train so-called "first responders" such as police, fire and medical personnel at such institutions. But America has always taken HBCUs for granted and has gotten by on the cheap by under-funding these institutions.

No doubt this bill will be put back on the table in the House by Rep. Clyburn and hopefully by Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) again in the Senate. But it would be great to see it sponsored, not just by Lieberman, but by Frist himself. Why not? If they want to do something, why not do something that has real significance?

Ron Walters is director of the African American Leadership Institute. His latest book is *African American Leadership*, with Robert Smith.

Assembly may stiffen uniform code penalties

Legislation would increase maximum penalty from \$500 to \$2,000

TRENTON — An Assembly panel recently amended and released legislation sponsored by Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Assemblyman Jerry Green that would increase the maximum penalty for violations of the "State Uniform Construction Code Act" from \$500 to \$2,000.

"Most builders nowadays see a \$500 fine simply as part of the cost of doing business," said Stender (D-Union). "Increasing the maximum penalty for code violations to \$2,000 would send a clear message to all 'would be' violators that the state is serious about construction codes and safety standards."

The penalty for violations of the "State Uniform Construction Act" has remained unchanged since the law was enacted in 1975.

Stender and Green said the intent of their legislation (A-2651) is to provide a better deterrent against violations and to update the penalty amount. Under the measure, penalties

in excess of \$500 per violation could be assessed in some instances.

The penalty for knowingly failing or refusing to comply with any lawful order would be up to \$1,000 per violation. Cases in which knowingly failing or refusing to comply with an order endangers the life or safety of any person the maximum penalty would be \$2,000 per violation.

The penalty for failure to obtain a required permit prior to commencing construction or for allowing a building to be occupied without a certificate of occupancy shall not exceed \$2,000 per violation.

The bill defines a code violation in an occupied building as a violation that would be deemed to endanger the life or safety only if it involves fire safety, structural soundness or any malfunction of mechanical equipment that would pose a life safety hazard.

A code violation in an unoccupied building would be deemed to endanger life or safety only if the violation involves a code requirement intended to protect the safety of the public walking by the property.

N.J. small business owners asked if fed regs are too much

Hearing set for New Jersey small business owners to comment about excessive federal regulatory enforcement

TRENTON — Small business owners with concerns about excessive enforcement of federal rules can voice their complaints at a U.S. Small Business Administration Regulatory Fairness Board Hearing in Trenton on Wednesday, January 29.

SBA National Ombudsman Michael Barrera holds hearings around the country for business owners to discuss openly, without fear of retaliation, their concerns about federal regulatory compliance practices.

"We work with agencies back in Washington D.C. to encourage a less punitive and more small-business friendly regulatory environment," Barrera said. "One of the biggest concerns small business owners face is unfair enforcement of federal regulations. They also worry about telling their stories because they fear retaliation by federal agencies."

"Small business owners want to play by the rules and comply with federal regula-

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Michael Barrera

tions," he said, "and we want to encourage federal regulators to assist business owners with compliance rather than go straight to the penalty stage."

The national ombudsman's authority does not include concerns about obtaining federal contracts or securing guaranteed loans.

SBA's acting New Jersey District Director James A. Kocsi is coordinating the Trenton hearing on Barrera's

behalf, and welcomes the chance for small business owners to speak out. "If anyone has been subjected to unfair or excessive regulatory enforcement by a federal agency, we want to hear your story," said Kocsi.

The session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Assembly Budget Room on the 4th Floor of the State House Annex located on West State Street in Trenton. Anyone interested in testifying can contact Natalie Hall, the SBA's NJ coordinator, at 973-645-3581 or by e-mail at natalie.hall@sba.gov. For additional information about the national ombudsman and this hearing, visit the National Ombudsman's Web site at www.sba.gov/ombudsman.

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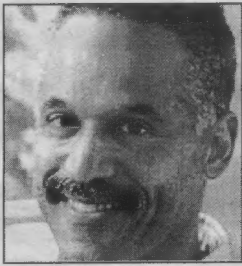
WASHINGTON

Incidence of prostate cancer in New Jersey is nearly one-fifth higher than previously believed, placing the state fourth in the nation.

The surprising news comes from an independent examination of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) new Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results study which closely examines changes in disease rates in U.S. states and cities over a period of years.

Comparing previously known figures for the state, the National Prostate Cancer Coalition (NPCC) has determined that prostate cancer is much more prevalent in New Jersey than experts thought. According to NCI, the incidence rate is 188.4 per 100,000 men. Previous figures for the state, which includes American Cancer Society estimates, had put the state at 155.9 per 100,000 men.

"African Americans have the highest mortality and incidence rate of prostate cancer in the world," NPCC President Richard N. Atkins, M.D. said. "New Jersey has a higher population of African Americans than the national average. This factor could be the first of many reasons that explain the high prevalence of prostate cancer. Diets high in fat is also a factor."



A recent observational study funded by the NCI showed that higher intake of the nutrient lycopene, found in tomatoes, has been associated with a reduced risk of prostate cancer. The research showed that men with highest serum levels of lycopene — a measure of the amount of the nutrient absorbed from the diets — had a 35 percent reduction in risk of prostate cancer. Research also showed that serum lycopene levels were 18 percent lower among African-American men than Caucasian men.

NPCC recommends that all men over 50-year-old if they are African American, or if they have a family history of the disease should be screened annually for prostate cancer.

Research continues to prove that survival of prostate cancer is 75 percent higher when the disease is caught in its early stages.

Health Brief

BACTERIA RECALL IN BABY FORMULA

Some 3,030 cans of infant formula manufactured by Mead Johnson Nutritional of Evansville, Ind., were recalled last week for contamination with a potential lethal bacterium. The cases of EnfamCare LIPIL 12.9-ounce cans of powdered infant formula with the code BME01, have an expiration date of January 1, 2001 "1JAN04". This formula is especially designed for premature babies.

HOSPITAL WANTS UP-FRONT PAYMENT OR NO TREATMENT

Richard Browne is in dying need of a liver transplant but Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami says it will gladly perform the surgery but must get \$700,000 up front. Does this remind you of the movie John Q? Well The Miami Herald reported that the hospital can't afford to do the transplant. Browne is from Barbados and has no health insurance in the U.S.

GOV. SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH

Gov. McGreevey recently pledged to support legislation which would authorize stem cell research in the state.

Cervical cancer, be aware

NEWARK — Cervical cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer worldwide, yet one of the most preventable and treatable diseases.

While about 13,000 new cases of invasive cervical cancer were diagnosed in the United States in 2002, the incidence of this disease as one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women has diminished significantly.

Cervical cancer rates are higher among older women; however, cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (or CIN), the precursor lesion to cervical cancer, most often occurs among young women. Screening women using the Papanicolaou (Pap) test is an important strategy that can prevent cervical cancer from developing most of the time.

According to The Center for Disease Control (CDC), Minority populations and persons of low socioeconomic status are affected disproportionately as well.

According to the American Cancer Society, cases have declined by 74 percent between 1955 and 1992. The main reason for this change is the increased use of the Pap test (Pap smear), a screening that permits diagnosis of this cancer.

In an effort to increase pub-

lic awareness about cervical cancer, Donna Dennis Morgan, nurse manager of the Women's Health Center at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, identifies risk factors that have shown to increase a woman's chance of developing the disease:

Infection from the Human Papillomavirus (HPV). The greatest risk factor for cervical cancer is having this sexually transmitted disease.

Cervical cancer can occur in women at any age, the average age for those newly diagnosed is between 50 and 55 years. Also having sexual intercourse at an early age, having multiple sexual partners, or having unprotected sex at any age can increase risk.

Women who smoke are twice as likely as non-smokers to develop cervical cancer.

Nutrition diets low in fruits and vegetables are associated with an increased risk of cervical and other cancers.

Family history is also important. Women whose mother or sisters have had cervical cancer are more likely to develop the disease themselves.

The Women's Health Center at Newark Beth Israel is offering a month long information program about cervical cancer. For more info call 973-926-7342.

Throw away contact lenses, glasses

Imagine contact lenses that when worn overnight and removed in the morning could dramatically improve your vision so much that you no longer needed glasses or contact lenses. Sounds too good to be true? Not anymore.

Orthokeratology (Ortho-K), is a recently FDA-approved, non-surgical procedure which reshapes the cornea (the surface) of the eye, utilizing special contact lenses. This reduces nearsightedness (myopia) or astigmatism and the dependence on daily eye-wear.

"The idea of this procedure is to free the user from having to wear contact lenses or glasses during the day," said Dr. Gerber an optometrist located in Westwood, NJ, who runs an Ortho-K Center here with his associate, Dr. Floyd Smith. "The process is non-invasive, affordable and highly beneficial to the patient, and can be used even with children or teenagers, who would not be candidates for laser correction."

According to the results of a recent FDA study on Ortho-K, 93.3% of patients improved their vision to 20/40 or better, 69.3% to 20/20 or better, and

30.8% to better than 20/20. These results are comparable to LASIK surgery.

The Ortho-K system runs about half the cost of LASIK Laser Surgery (radial keratotomy) and has none of the surgical or post-operative concerns.

Studies reveal that LASIK, which was one of America's most commonly performed surgical procedures in 2000, has lost much of its popularity. The number of LASIK procedures in the U.S. dropped 14.6 percent this year compared to 2001. Practitioners blame the drop on reports of post-operative complications. Although costs for the surgery have dropped, it has not helped generate renewed interest.

"People have concerns about the safety of LASIK, plus many patients are not good candidates for the procedure," said Dr. Gerber. "Ortho-K is painless, safe and reversible."

There are no age barriers with these lenses, also known as vision retainers. Additionally, some studies have shown that using them at a young age may prevent the progression of myopia.

Kelly Mead, 12, of Ridgewood, NJ has been using the Ortho-K system for over a

year, and is happy that she can be free from using her glasses. "When I had to wear glasses all the time, they would always hurt behind my ear and they would really annoy me. Now because of these lenses I don't have to wear glasses or anything during the day and I can see really well."

Debbie Walker, 40, has been using vision retainers for over four years — Dr. Gerber and Dr. Smith were involved in the original study — and couldn't imagine going back to contact lenses or glasses. "Glasses are just a nuisance," she said. "Contact lenses dry out and constantly need drops all day. Ortho-K is a wonderful program that is easy. I highly recommend it as an alternative to laser surgery."

Ortho-K is not for everyone, according to the Ortho-K Center doctors. It works best on those who have mild to moderate amounts of nearsightedness or astigmatism. Patients with certain shaped corneas may also be poor candidates for the procedure.

Relatively few doctors presently offer the lenses. Special training and software is required to treat patients.

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Judicial confrontation

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civil rights concerns.

"President Bush has clearly decided that trying to strengthen right-wing domination of the federal judiciary is worth the divisive confirmation battles that will face some of these nominees," Neas said.

"The future of the federal judiciary is about the day-to-day lives and liberties of all Americans," said Neas.

"Will the courts strip women of their constitutional right to privacy and reproductive choice? Will they undermine the authority of Congress to protect citizens whose civil rights are violated by state agencies or others?" he asked.

"Will they prevent the government from acting to safeguard the air we breathe and water we drink? Debates over

the federal judiciary are really debates over the meaning of the Constitution and the law of the land for our children and grandchildren," Neas said. He

"It is the obligation of all senators — Republican and Democratic to ensure that nominees for lifetime positions on the federal bench are fully qualified, and are committed to upholding Americans' civil and constitutional rights."

Ralph Neas

added that senators must carefully review nominees' records, and noted that there is no reason to rush the process given that more than 100 federal judges were confirmed during the last Senate session. "It is the obligation of all senators — Republican and Democratic — to ensure that nominees for lifetime positions on the federal bench are fully qualified, and are committed to upholding Americans' civil and constitutional rights."

To view The Approaching Armageddon on Judicial Nominations which includes current judicial nominees, and other analysis of federal judiciary issues, see www.pfaw.org.

February Abbott summit

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McGreevey will soon present his budget to the legislature (Governor McGreevey delivered his state of the State address yesterday), and it was wise of Assemblyman Stanley "to recognize there are some concerns and for people to become more proactive."

Rice says he has discussed the Abbott funding with several members of the legislature, including Sen. Joseph V. Doria (D-Bayonne) and he is confident that there will be "good participation, legislatively, legally and politically."

Stanley says that, "Over the last two years, a number of people who have genuine concern and interest in the success of our children in the state's 30 most disadvantaged districts, have come up to me and expressed the need for a forum to discuss the educational futures of these young people," Stanley said. "Last year's State freeze of supplemental funding for Abbott districts, hurt programs in many districts and caused some of the Abbott districts to take steps backwards, thereby losing valuable momentum in the effort to close the achievement gap in these districts."

City Council President

Patrice Perkins-Auguste from the City of Elizabeth was among the elected officials at the press conference. As the mother of two young children, Perkins-Auguste said she is especially dismayed about the number of children in Elizabeth who attend classes in trailers. "I wonder what this does to a child's psyche when they see other children going into a school," she said.

Barbara Brantley, a Newark parent expressed her frustration with the length of time it has taken to repair some schools in Abbott Districts.

Stanley emphasized that he wants parents such as Mrs. Brantley to attend the summit, not only high level lawmakers, but for teachers, parents, students and other stakeholders. "Everyone who has a stake in the outcome of the Abbott implementation."

If we don't educate all of our children ... you think we have budget problems now, but if we continue to have to put those kinds of dollars in the prison industrial complex, what's going to happen is it's going to blow the budget sky high," Stanley said. "We're never going to be able to keep up with the number of spaces we need in jails," Stanley said.

CANCER

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"This collaborative effort will reduce duplication and improve the delivery of programs at the state and community level to the benefit of every New Jersey citizen," Lacy said.

The plan will also support the ongoing efforts of the New Jersey Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program. Tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of disease, and Governor McGreevey has made it his goal to reduce tobacco use in New Jersey.

"New Jersey is facing the nation's third highest cancer incidence rate," said Tom Duffy, ACS Executive Vice President for New Jersey. "The data reported in New Jersey Cancer Facts and Figures provided the basis for many of the action steps outlined in the State's plan to combat cancer and will go a long way in guiding informed decision making that will ultimately save lives."

Out of the estimated 1.2 million new cases of cancer expected in the United States in 2002, it is estimated that approximately 41,000 new cases will be in New Jersey alone. Additionally, the American Cancer Society estimated that nearly 18,000 New Jerseyans died as a result of cancer in 2002.

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On TV

NJN Public Television presents "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow": a four part series.

"The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" explores the complexities that defined life during the period known as the Jim Crow Era. The four part series airs on consecutive Thursdays January 16 and 23 at 10 pm.

White supremacist laws and customs known as "Jim Crow" sustained a life of crushing subordination for southern blacks. This brutal and oppressive era in American history spanned the years from the end

of the Civil War to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement in the 1950s and beyond.

The four one hour programs, unique for their coverage of the period, offer a compelling oral history rich in historical commentary and eyewitness testimony from men and women, black and white, who lived through the era. Rare and sometimes never before seen photos and film footage make the series a dynamic and poignant record of a time when indignity and terror constantly faced off against courage.

E Briefs
Entertainment

—Kim Bowman

Bono writes song honoring Mandela

2003 Muscarea Person Of The Year Bono, along with musicians Dave Stewart and Joe Strummer, have written a song "48864

honoring former South African President Nelson Mandela. "48864" is named after Mandela's identification

number from his years as a prisoner at Robben Island. The former prison will be the venue of an AIDS benefit concert on Feb. 2, where the song will be played. Shaggy, Macy Gray, Nelly Furtado, and Queen are also expected to perform.

Nelly, Ashanti, Eminem swept Grammy norms

This years Grammy nominations are in. Rap royals Nelly, and Eminem reign with five

nominations each. They're joined with newcomer Ashanti, also grabbing five Grammy nods. The 45th Annual Grammy Awards will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York City and will air on the CBS on Feb. 23. Check your local listings for time.

More Grammy news....

With seven Grammy nominations last year, India.Arie went home empty handed. Well, last week she received four nods for her second album Voyage to India. Watch this year's ceremony and see if history repeats itself?

Eve signs TV deal

Rapper Eve has signed a development deal with UPN to produce her own comedy television series. The series will focus on Eve, a fashion designer in New York and the exploitations of the fashion industry. The comedy series will be produced by Edmonds Entertainment, producers of Soul Food and written by Bentley Evans, writer for "The Jamie Foxx Show," and "Martin." The show has not yet been named.

New cable network competes with BET

Radio One, mother and son team Cathy Hughes and Alfred Liggins have joined with Comcast to create a new cable network aiming at African-American viewers ages 25-54 is calculated to give BET some competition. According to the NY Times, the unnamed network will consist of news, entertainment and sports-related programming. The network is scheduled to be operations around the middle of this year and Comcast will offer it as part of its digital service.

What's
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James Brown will perform at B.B. King in New York. 8:00 p.m.



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The Joy of Pepsi

Local author Valarie W. Wesley signs new book

Newark — The Newark Literacy Campaign (NLC) will host the first in a series of book signings and readings by local authors on January 23, 2003 at Centennial Hall at The Newark Public Library, 5 Washington Street in downtown Newark.

Valerie Wilson Wesley will read from her latest offering, "Always True to You in My Fashion," and sign books from 68 pm. Admission is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Ms. Wesley is the author of six Tamara Hayle mysteries, the novel "Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do, Freedom's Gifts: A Juneteenth Story", and a young adult novel entitled "Where Do I Go From Here?" The Tamara Hayle mysteries include "The Devil Riding", "Easier to Kill", "No Hiding Place", "Where Evil Sleeps", "Devil's Gonna Get Him", and "When Death Comes Stealing". Her works have appeared in numerous publications including Essence, Family Circle, TV Guide, Ms., Creative Classroom, and The New York Times. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Newark Arts Council and the Newark Literacy Campaign.



Valerie Wilson Wesley

Ms. Wesley graduated from Howard University and has masters degrees from Banks Street College of Education and Columbia Graduate School of Journalism.

The Newark Literacy Campaign, now in its 19th year, is dedicated to eradicating illiteracy in the greater Newark community. "Reading is the cornerstone of learning," says NLC Executive Director, Irene Daniels. Every parent and caregiver is responsible for equipping his or her child with the necessary tools to ensure that he/she receives a quality education. It is equally important for adults to have good reading skills."

Valerie Wilson Wesley's book "Always True to You in My Fashion" is an excellent read, guaranteed to get the reader excited about reading," says Daniels. For additional information, call 973-623-4001.

The Reckoning

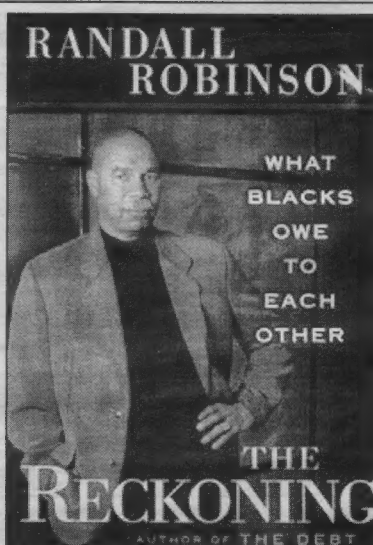
By Randall Robinson

Plum Book/ Paperback/ January 03/\$14.00

As a follow up to "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks", Randall Robinson makes the compelling case that at the same time that African Americans push for reparations, they must simultaneously fight another equally important battle against the growing prison industrial system that is as ominous a development for black and brown Americans as the slave trade was for the people of Africa between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.

Tragically, African Americans have been and continue to be overwhelmingly thrown into new prisons for profit, increasingly built and run by corporations. Robinson argues that blacks owe it to each other to expose and dismantle this phenomenon because the repercussions, not only to those actually imprisoned, but for the entire black community, are frighteningly multidimensional and inter-generational.

"The Reckoning" grew out of Robinson's work with gang members, ex-convicts, and others profoundly scarred by environments of extreme poverty. It pays homage to the residents of these neighborhoods waging heroic struggles to save their communities, and holds up for public examination America's elected officials joining with corporate America to make private sector prisons a twenty-first century growth industry.



"Powerful and compelling."
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Randall Robinson is founder and president emeritus of TransAfrica, the African-American organization established to advance more enlightened U.S. policies toward Africa and the Caribbean. The author of the national best-sellers *The Debt* and *Defending the Spirit* (both available from Plum), he has appeared on *The Charlie Rose Show*, *The Today Show*, *The CBS Early Show* & 20/20.

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Application number and eligibility will determine placement on the Waiting List. Written verification of selection may take several weeks. Applications not selected will be destroyed. If you or a member of your family has been verified to be disabled, please indicate, as we may be able to assist you in finding an accessible unit.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ENERGY AND WATER PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROGRAM

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
 Garfield Court Administrative Offices
 P.O. Box 337
 Long Branch, NJ 07740

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch (the Authority) is soliciting specific qualifications and technical proposals from interested Energy and Water Services Companies (EWSCO's) that are capable of providing comprehensive energy/water management and energy/water related capital improvement services.

Further information about the Authority, the scope of required services, the proposal evaluation criteria and the form of contract can be obtained from the Authority at the Garfield Court Administrative Offices at anytime between the regular business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2003. Questions regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) can be directed to Robert M. Braun, AIA, Modernization Coordinator at (732) 222-3747 at extension #126 or emailed to: rbraun@lbhousing.org.

Proposals are to be submitted to the Authority no later than 4:00 PM in the afternoon on Friday, January 31, 2003. Proposers shall submit an original and three (3) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope clearly labeled: **PROPOSAL - ENERGY/WATER PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING PROGRAM**, with the firm's name and full address. Proposals submitted late or without due regard for the instructions to Proposers shall not be considered.

Tyrone Garrett, P11M, Executive Director
 Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch

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CLERK OF THE WORKS MAINTENANCE POSITION:

The Asbury Park Public Housing Authority is seeking a qualified individual with construction and municipal construction contracting experience. Please submit your resumes with letter of interest. Responses will be accepted through January 20th 2003 at the Asbury Park Public Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712, attention Geoffrey Melvin, Maintenance Coordinator

Harold A. Phipps, M.B.A.
 Executive Director

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Notice of Meetings

2003

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES OF MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC.

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Wed., Jan. 15, 2003	7:00 P.M.	45 Aspen Place Recreational Room
Wed., Feb. 19, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., Mar. 19, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Mon., Apr. 21, 2003	7:00 P.M.	234 Chestnut Street
Wed., May 21, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., June 18, 2003	7:00 P.M.	220-222 Sixth Street
Wed., July 16, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Wed., Sep. 17, 2003	7:00 P.M.	14-34 East Monroe St.
Wed., Oct. 15, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers
Tues., Nov. 18, 2003	7:00 P.M.	299 Gregory Avenue
Tues., Dec. 16, 2003	7:00 P.M.	330 Passaic Street City Council Chambers

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Harold A. Phipps, M.B.A.
 Executive Director

NOTICE OF WORK SESSION MEETINGS AND

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK

Pursuant to Chapter 231 of the P.L. of 1975, this will serve as notice of the work session meetings and the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark to be held at the offices of the Authority, 57 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

The work session meetings scheduled for 2003 will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, January 16
 Thursday, February 20
 Thursday, March 20
 Thursday, April 17
 Thursday, May 15
 Thursday, June 19
 Thursday, July 17
 Thursday, August 21
 Thursday, September 18
 Thursday, October 16
 Thursday, November 13
 Thursday, December 11

The regular monthly meetings for 2003 will be held at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, January 23
 Thursday, February 27
 Thursday, March 27
 Thursday, April 24
 Thursday, May 22
 Thursday, June 26
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A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. in the President's Conference room, College Hall, Room 231, Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is a requirement of all prospective bidders. Copies of the proposal, including information for bidders, bidding forms and specifications may be obtained on or about January 13, 2003 at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Montclair State University, College Hall, Room 215-D, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, for a non-refundable fee of \$25. Requests for additional information may be directed to John Goscinski, Buyer, at (973) 655-1458. Payments for bid packages and specifications shall be made by cash, money order or credit cards (Discover, MasterCard and Visa only) payable to "Montclair State University" at the Cash Control Office, College Hall room 216. Bid packages can be mailed. Any award of contract resulting from this Request for Proposal will be subject to the availability of funds. All proposals must be delivered or mailed. Electronic bids via fax or telephone will not be accepted. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope/package bearing the name of the Bidder and clearly marked: "RFP # 402 - Freeman Hall Dining Air Conditioning." Deadline for bidder's questions is Tuesday, February 18, 2003 by 4:30 p.m. The Purchasing department offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King holiday on Monday, January 20, 2003.

Qualifications: Contractors and sub-contractors must be licensed under the provisions of the New Jersey State construction code and must be certified as a State of New Jersey Public Works Contractor. Bidders shall include in their bid information all about Subcontractors to be used on this project as outlined in the bid documents. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Guarantee payable to Montclair State University, that if a contract is awarded, the bidder shall enter into contract, therefor, and shall furnish a Performance Bond (100%) and a Material and Labor Bond (100%). The proposal guarantee shall be in the amount of ten (10) percent and be given, at the option of the Bidder, by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time and date of the bid opening. Montclair State University reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal and to reject any or all proposals. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) (Affirmative Action), State of New Jersey Prevailing Wage Rate Act and the provisions entitled "Minority and Female Subcontractor Participation in State Design and Construction Contracts," pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:14-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A. §22-24.2, P.L. 1977 Chapter 31, "Statement of Stockholders Exceeding 10%." Failure to do so shall result in disqualification of the bid. Montclair State University is an Equal Opportunity Purchaser.

Calendar

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — NJPAC presents the NJPAC Jubilation Choir with special guest Albertina Walker, Dorothy Norwood and special guest speaker Ossie Davis at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$29 & Child \$16 under age 14. For more info call 973-466-5722.

Newark — The Newark Public Library remembers and celebrates the life of Dr. King with Patrik Henry Bass, author of *Like A Mighty Stream, The March on Washington, August 1963*. A musical and poetry performance will follow. Events take place in Centennial Hall at 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-733-3610.

FRIDAY, JAN 17

Elizabeth — AmeriCorps will present a play about the life and legacy of Dr. King to The Boys & Girls Club of Union County at 4:00 p.m. For more info call 908-659-5166.

SUNDAY, JAN 19

Newark — 15th Annual Sing In Praise of King celebration will be hosted at Essex County College Gymnasium. Keynote speaker is Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby-Grant. For more info call 973-733-4301.

Springfield — The 13th Annual Community Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Commemoration sponsored by AAJC, the African American Jewish Coalition, will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth. Rev. Evans I. Spagner will be the keynote speaker. For more info call 973-376-0539.

MONDAY, JAN 20

Newark — Peter C. Harvey, First Assistant Attorney General, will be the Martin Luther King Day speaker at Bethany Baptist Church, 275 West Market Street. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. For more info call 973-623-8161.

Montclair — St. Paul Baptist Church will host its annual Dr. King Memorial Service at 12:00 p.m. For info call 973-746-8338.

Newark — The Newark Museum presents a family day of activities that celebrate and pay tribute to Dr. King. From 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. there will be a film screening: *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks* (40 min.) From 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. a musical performance with Akuna Dixon and poetry recited by Betty Neals. From 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. the evening will end with words of inspiration from Rev. Michael Saunders of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit.

Newark — Rally and demonstration to demand Dr. King's Birthday be a national paid holiday for Verizon workers and all workers. For more info call 732-572-4208.

Perth Amboy — The Middlesex County Economic Opportunities Corporation, NAACP and the City of Perth Amboy host an African American Freedom Fighters Educational Presentation, 6:00 p.m. at the Olive Street Community Center, One Olive St. For more info call 732-846-6600.

Plainfield — The Frontier's International Plainfield Area Club will host its Dr. King, Jr. Annual Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Plainfield High School cafeteria.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

Newark — Essex County College hosts its 2nd Annual Dr. King celebration from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For info call 973-877-3259.

Community

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Montclair — The Township of Montclair and Montclair Affordable Housing Coalition sponsors a community meeting about affordable housing at 7:30 p.m. at the United Way Building. For more info call 973-744-4141.

Plainfield — United Trust Community Center will offer a business writing seminar from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 908-753-7364.

East Orange — Poet Sonia Sanchez will perform at East Orange Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

Newark — The United Way of Essex County will kick off its 13th season at the Newark Club. For more info call 973-624-8300.

Heartbeat

ONGOING

Union County College is offering a training course for massage therapists. For info call 908-791-4916.

Newark — WIC Program at UMDNJ offers a variety of support services to participants. Appointments are recommended. For more info call 973-972-3416.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free Breast Cancer Patient Support Group. For more info call 973-926-7609.

ONGOING - MARCH 13

Belleville — Clara Maass Medical Center will offer an exercise pro-



Television host Tony Brown is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at the Newark YMCA's annual breakfast on December 16. For more information call 973-624-8900.

gram "Building Better Bones" designed to develop muscle and strength. For more info call 973-450-2872.

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a ten-week program to help children develop healthy eating habits, physical activity, etc. Classes are on Thursdays only. For more info call 973-322-5664.

WED, JAN 15 - APRIL 2

Livingston — St. Barnabas will offer a weight management program. At 6:00 p.m. For more info call 973-322-5664.

Business

ONGOING

Newark — The Women's Center of Essex County College is sponsoring a series of seminars, support groups during Spring 2003 Semester. For more info call 973-877-3395.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15

New Brunswick — Central Jersey Job Developers Association will host its free 19th Annual Job Fair from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Rutgers Labor Education Center. For more info call 732-745-3866.

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — Regional Business Partnership invites its members to attend a networking event from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at One Newark Center, 22 Fl. For more info call 973-242-4203.

Plainfield — United Trust Community Education Center will offer a seminar "Writing for the Foreign Born Executive" from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more info call 908-753-7364.

TUESDAY, JAN 21

Newark — SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will host "Staring and Managing Your Own Business", workshop, from

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at 2 Gateway Center, 15th Fl. For more info call 973-645-3982 between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Plainfield — United Trust Community Education Center will host a seminar about homeownership from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more info call 908-756-5774.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 22

Newark — Regional Business Partnership will host a mid-day networking event at 744 Broad St. 26th Fl. from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more info call 973-242-4203.

North Brunswick — Pathfinder Consulting Group offers its Mega Job Fair at the Ramada Inn, 666 Rt. 1-South from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Call 732-246-3737.

THURSDAY, JAN 23

New Brunswick — NJ Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar "Combating Fraud in Corporate America" at the NJ Law Center from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more info call 732-214-8500.

Artz

Celestial Arts is sponsoring a \$1,000.00 poetry contest. Entry is free and deadline is Friday, Jan. 31. For info visit www.freecontest.com or send one poem 21 lines or less to Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR, 97540.

ONGOING - AUGUST 10

New York — American Museum of Natural History presents an exhibition of the work of Albert Einstein. For more info call the museum at 212-769-5800.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 15

New York — B.B. King Blues Club presents a tribute to the Temptations and the Supremes featuring Carlton J. Smith and Friends at 7:30 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

FRIDAY, JAN 17

New York — Radio City Music Hall presents India Arie in concert at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

SATURDAY, JAN 18

Newark — African Globe presents its 6th Annual That's What Friends are for Benefit Party & Fashion Show at the Terrace Ballroom. Doors open at 10:00 p.m. For more info call 973-624-1584.

SUNDAY, JAN 19

Highland Park — The New Brunswick NAACP hosts poetry and performances from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Highland Park School cafeteria, 102 North 5th Ave. For info call 973-801-0001.

TUESDAY, JAN 21

East Rutherford — Disney on Ice comes to the Continental Airlines Arena at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 212-307-7171.

THURSDAY, JAN 23

New York — The Beacon Theater presents comedian Mo'Nique at 8:00 p.m. For more info call Ticketmaster at 212-307-7171.

New York — The Studio Museum in Harlem presents "Challenge of the Modern: African-American Artists 1925-1945" an exhibit of black artists in the U.S. and Caribbean thru March 30. For more info call 212-864-4500.

SATURDAY, JAN 25

Newark — NJPAC presents Ronald K. Brown in the Victoria Theater at 7:30 p.m. Brown is a choreographer of modern African dance and hot club moves. For more info call 888-466-5722.

Religion

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — The People's Organization for Progress hosts its weekly meeting at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 224 West Kinney St. at 6:00 p.m. For info call 732-572-4208.

THURSDAY, JAN 16

Newark — The St. James Ministry of Hope and Healing will host a reception for their opening session, "Me, Myself, and I" at 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. at the St. James Prep School, Court and Shipman Streets. For info call 973-622-1344.

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